

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

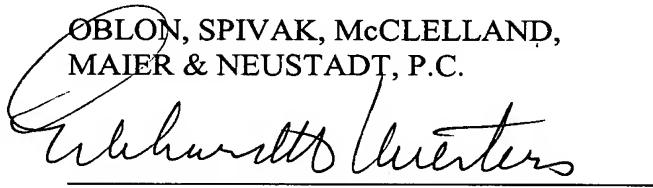
Claims 1-4, 7-17 and 20-23 remain active in this application, Claims 1 and 15 having been amended and Claims 5, 6, 18 and 19 canceled by the present Amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action Claims 1-5, 10-11, 13-16, 19, 20 and 22-23 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Teig et al (7,155,697 B2); and Claims 6, 8, 9, 12, 17, 18 and 21 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims, but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, and in order to expedite issuance of a patent from the present application. Since Claim 5 is redundant over Claim 6, Claim 5 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to include the features stated in Claims 6 and 18, respectively. Accordingly, Claims 6 and 18 have also been canceled, as well as Claim 19, without prejudice.

By virtue of the present amendment, only claims including allowable subject matter remain pending, and therefore the present application is in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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